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In re Patent Application of)	
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Application No.: 09/291,066)	Examiner: James M Hannett
Filed: April 14, 1999)	Confirmation No.: 1637
For: PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS)	
HAIVNG DISPLAY FOR DISPLAY)	
OF A NETWORK AND NETWORK)	
SYSTEM)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Lines 1-5 of the section "Allowable Subject Matter" on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability mailed March 25, 2005, summarize the claims with the following statements:

The prior art does not teach or suggest the use of a digital camera in which the display screen of the digital camera displays a network structure when the camera is connected to a computer on a network and returns the display screen to a state of displaying a photographed image or live-view video when the camera is disconnected from the computer on the network.
(emphasis added)

However, the highlighted language is not found in the claims. For instance, each of claims 1, 4, 6, 9 and 11 does not contain the language "digital camera" or "computer." While the actual claim language "photographing apparatus" recited in claims 1, 4, 6, 9 and 11 certainly can be interpreted to include, for example, a digital camera, and the recited "processor" as recited in claims 1, 4, 6, and 9, and "data processing devices" as recited in claim 11 can be interpreted to include, for example,

devices such as computers, the claims should not be construed to be limited to these particular implementations.

Applicant respectfully asserts that each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of the claims. Applicant does not ask for remedial action at this time, unless the Examiner believes further clarification is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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